

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (previously amended) Device for moistening a material web moved in a transport direction by means of a spray device for spraying a water fog onto the material web under an influence of an electrostatic field generated by a device for electrostatic charging characterized in that
- a reversing roller for reversing the material web is provided in the transport direction upstream of the spray device,
 - that the reversing roller has associated with it a device for electrostatic charging designed as a corona-charging electrode,
 - and that the spray device has two water spray heads located on both sides of the material web.
2. (previously amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the reversing roller has a smooth surface that is a good electrical conductor.
3. (previously amended) Device according to Claim 2 characterized in that the reversing roller is high-gloss chrome-plated.
4. (previously amended) Device according to Claim 3 characterized in that the reversing roller is grounded.
5. (previously amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the reversing roller has a jacket having a smooth outer surface and a thin coating provided on the smooth outer surface.

6. (previously amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the reversing roller is wrapped around by the material web in an angle range that forms at least a right angle.

7. (previously amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the corona-charging electrode is located in a plane spanned by an axis of the reversing roller and a tangent line in an area in which the material web runs onto a jacket of the reversing roller.

8. (previously amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the water spray heads directed at the surface of the material web are grounded.

9. (currently amended) Device according to Claim 8 characterized in that the two water spray heads are located opposite one another on the two sides of the material web so as to simultaneously spray opposite sides of one portion of the material web at the same time.

10. (previously added) Device according to Claim 5, characterized in that the thin coating is made of polytetrafluoroethylene or risilan.

11. (previously added) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the two water spray heads are located opposite one another on the two sides of the material web.

12. (currently amended) A device for moistening a material web moved in a transport direction, comprising

a reversing roller for changing a transport direction of the material web,

a corona-charging electrode for electrostatically charging the material web,
the corona-charging electrode being provided on a side of the material web opposite the reversing roller in a vicinity of the reversing roller; and

a spray device for spraying water mist onto the material web, the spray device comprising at least one spray head on each side of the material web downstream of the reversing roller.

13. (previously added) The device according to Claim 12, wherein the spray device is grounded.

14. (previously added) The device according to Claim 12, wherein the spray device has applied to it a polarity opposite that of the corona charging electrode.

15. (previously added) The device according to Claim 12, wherein the corona charging electrode applies a charging current to the material web at a portion of the material web passing through a extension of a diameter of the reversing roller that passes through a tangent point.

16. (currently amended) The device according to Claim 12, wherein the spray heads are located opposite one another on different sides of the material web so as to simultaneously spray opposite sides of one portion of the material web at the same time.

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17. (new) The device according to claim 12, wherein the spray heads spray a free running portion of the web.

18. (new) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the spray heads spray a free running portion of the web.
